

Appl'n No. 10/786,997
Amendment and Reply dated March 23, 2007
Reply to Office Action of September 25, 2006

REMARKS

THE AMENDMENTS

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 5 to set forth the definition of variable "Het" following its introduction in the definition of variable "E."

Applicants have canceled claim 16-17, which are drawn to non-elected subject matter.

Following entry of the above amendment, claims 1-2, 4-5, 7 and 11-12 are pending, claims 16-24 are withdrawn and claims 3, 6, 8-10, 13-17 and 25-27 are canceled.

None of the above amendments adds new matter.

WITHDRAWN CLAIMS 18-24

Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoin the method claims 18-24, which are commensurate in scope with product claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 11-12.

THE REJECTION

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

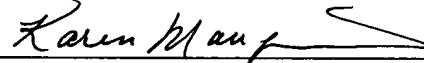
The Examiner has maintained the rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner contends that the language of claims 1 and 5 defines a "Het" group related to variable "A."

Applicants traverse. However, solely in the interest of expediting prosecution of this application, applicants have amended claims 1 and 5 to move the recitation of the variable "Het" to follow the recitation of variable "E," which is defined to include "Het." Accordingly, applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, applicants request that the Examiner favorably reconsider this application and allow the amended claims pending therein. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with applicants' representatives would assist the Examiner, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time.

Respectfully submitted,


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